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Responsive to the action mailed March 18, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-4 and 8-9, drawn to a dehydrogenase. The election is made without traverse. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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